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1. Order of Battle

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the following information (dated July 1953)
concerning Polish Army military units

WARSZAWA.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Cover No. and Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
U/1 AAA unit	Unk	Unk	WARSZAWA
U/1 AAA unit	Unk	Unk	WARSZAWA
U/1 Inf. unit	Unk	Unk	WARSZAWA
U/1 Hv. Arty. unit	Unk	Unk	WARSZAWA
U/1 Arty. unit	Unk	Unk	WARSZAWA
U/1 unit, "KOSCIUSZKO" div.	Unk	Unk	WARSZAWA
U/1 Tank unit	Unk	Unk	WARSZAWA

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2. Table of Organization and Equipment

[redacted] no information on the T/O & E of Polish Army units.

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4. Training and Maneuvers

[redacted] no information concerning training and maneuvers of Polish Army units.

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5. Supply and Maintenance

[redacted] no information on supply and maintenance of Polish Army units

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6. Manpowera. Induction

[redacted] The physical examinations for all inductees at GORZOW began at 0800 hours and ended at 1800 hours.

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[redacted] on 22 May 1949. [redacted] at the RKU at 0800 hours, approximately 250 persons from the class of 1928 and several volunteers from the class of 1929 had also reported for induction. The entire group was transported by train to NOWY SACZ, arriving on 23 May 1949. Here they were assigned to a recruit training company for basic training.

No one was given an opportunity to select a branch of service. [redacted] no knowledge concerning exemptions or political screenings. The technical qualifications of the inductees were not considered. [redacted] one requirement for assignment to a WOP unit was a minimum height of 170 cm. He had no further details.

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b. Year Classes

From the date of induction [redacted] until 1953, the following classes were inducted, serving or demobilized from WOP units:

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Classes on Active Duty</u>	<u>Classes Inducted in May</u>	<u>Classes Demobilized in October</u>
1949	1926-1928	1928	1926
1950	1927-1929	1929	1927
1951	1928-1930	1930	1928
1952	1929-1931	1931	1929
1953	1930-1932	1932	1930

From May to October each year all three classes served actively. As a result of demobilization in October only two classes actively served from then until the following May.

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c. Length of Service

The normal tour of duty for personnel inducted into the WOP was 29 months. In March 1953 an order [] was published by the Ministry of National Defense, announcing that the term of service for inducted EM was extended to three years.

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[] a number of officers state that the term of service was extended so that it coincided with the term for Soviet troops.

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[] all other inducted troops in the WOP also served only 29 months.

The required length of service for career NCOs serving in WOP units was not known, but [] they were kept in the service until such time as their services were no longer required or until they were found to be inefficient.

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[] in September 1951 the Ministry of National Defense published a decree which stated that some inducted EM would be retained in the service beyond their normal tour of duty and that these men would be promoted to all ranks, including commissioned. Such extended active service was to be credited towards their reserve service.

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7. Soviet Mission

[] officers to command or staff duties in line units. In WOP brigades and in the Ministry of Public Security, Soviet officers served as commanders or advisors. The various subordinate departments of the Ministry were also commanded by Soviet officers. Details concerning the duties and activities of these officers were unknown. Soviet officers []

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[] had been assigned to the Ministry since 1946, according to hearsay information.

The Soviet officers assigned to the Ministry received their instructions from an unidentified Soviet general officer, who resided at No. 18 Jasinskigo Street, WARSAW. This was hearsay information he obtained through conversation with various officers.

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Regardless of rank, any Soviet officer exercised authority over Polish officers.

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[redacted] Soviet officers at the Ministry spoke fairly good Polish. A Polish language class was being conducted two hours daily for the Soviet officers at the Ministry so they could improve their language proficiency. In addition, Polish language classes were being held for the Soviet officers' wives on Mondays and Thursdays from 1800 to 2200 hours. These classes were held at the officers' casino [redacted]

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[redacted] all commands given to the Polish security forces were in Polish. [redacted]

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8. Soviet Tactical Units

[redacted] no information concerning Soviet tactical units.

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9. Soviet Administrative Units

[redacted] no information concerning Soviet administrative units.

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10. Soviet Training

[redacted] of Polish WOP units had been conducted along Soviet lines as [redacted] field manuals, which were used by Polish officers and career NCOs, containing two sections -- one Polish and the other Russian. These field manuals contained such subjects as close and extended order drill, bayonet drill, grenade instructions, camouflage and erection of hasty field fortifications, in addition to illustrations.

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11. Soviet Weapons and Equipment

All weapons and equipment [redacted] were furnished by the Soviet Army. Details concerning Soviet supply or types of weapons and equipment were unknown. The location of Soviet supply depots was also unknown.

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12. Role of the Polish Army

During the political lectures [redacted] the troops were told that the role of the Polish military units would be to defend their country against aggression [redacted]

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[redacted] Furthermore, [redacted] estimated that approximately 75% of the troops attending the political lectures did not believe what the speakers said.

13. Purges

[redacted] no knowledge of Polish Army officers who had recently been, or were currently being, purged.

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